



**Minutes of the North East Quarterly District Meeting held at Yoxford  
5.00 pm Saturday 14th March 2020**

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman, Sal Jenkinson (SJ), welcomed 25 members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Julie Hughes, Trevor Hughes, Peggy Meredith, Kevin Mossop, Michelle Pearce, Hugh Roberts, Michael Rolph, Hugh Spink and Hilary Stearn

Sal extended a warm welcome to Rowan Wilson, Chairman of the Guild, and thanked Hal Humphreys for the use of the bells and his hospitality. She asked members to put £1.00 in the pot being circulated for the Yoxford rope fund.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on 11th May 2019**

Members approved the minutes as a true record.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of 11th May 2019**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Election of new Members**

Membership forms were received from:

Susan Fitch	Wissett	Proposed Hugh Spink	Seconded Philip Gorrod
Ed Wilhelm	Aldeburgh	Proposed Richard Rapor	Seconded Julie Rapor
Nick Hughes	Halesworth	Proposed Philip Gorrod	Seconded Kate Gill

Subscriptions have been paid. Members approved their election as Members. The forms and subscriptions were handed to Julie Rapor.

**5. Forthcoming meetings**

Sal referred to the increasing seriousness of the Coronavirus situation and to the recent guidance note issued by the Suffolk Guild.

The Suffolk Guild AGM is still taking place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, as far as we know. There will be three ringing routes on the way.

Rowan Wilson commented that if the AGM has to be postponed in April, there is a possibility it could be held in September at Horringer instead, alongside the Guild 8 bell striking competition.

VE Day is a day of national celebration on Friday 8th May, which will be a bank holiday. Philip outlined the proposal that the District tries to ring at towers during the day, prior to the nationwide ringing at 7 pm. He will contact all Tower Captains to see what coverage can be arranged. He asked for volunteers and will build a programme around this.

However, he stressed that VE Day may not take place in its planned form, due to the developing Covid-19 situation and therefore we will wait a while before reaching a decision.

At present, there are two striking competitions planned in the District – the Guild 6 bell striking competition on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Yoxford and the District striking competition on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Sweffling.

Sal referred to the note circulated giving helpful tips about participating in striking competitions.

Philip said there is potential for there to be a district event at the Mancroft Ringing Development Centre in the autumn, suitable for all abilities. One session will be focused on how to use the simulator to teach and another for general ringing. He encouraged members to make a visit to the centre, an excellent facility with eight simulator bells.

The District ADM will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Aldeburgh.

Richard Rapior asked if next year's spring quarterly meeting can be held in February (the usual date) as opposed to March.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The progress with regards installing a simulator at Southwold, to be funded from the Golden Bottle fund, was queried. Wi fi has now been installed in the tower. Philip responded that plans are in place for its installation and Rowan said she will help with organising a team.

The collection for the Yoxford rope fund was handed to Hal.

The meeting closed.